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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:  
Hubertus THOMEER et al.

SERIAL NO.: 09/812,141

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TITLE: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR  
DOWNHOLE WELL EQUIPMENT AND  
PROCESS MANAGEMENT,  
IDENTIFICATION AND ACTUATION

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### RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

#### Introductory Comments

This communication is in response to an Office Action dated August 19, 2003.  
Applicant affirms the election of claims 24-27, designated by the Examiner as Group IV.